THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) to (c) In August 1985 the Ministry of Defence approved the construction of a Naval Base at Karwar at an initial estimated expenditure of Rs. 350.00 crores. The initial estimates were indicative and were made without a Master Plan and a Detailed Project Report. The scope of work, different Sub components of the Dockyard and details regarding supporting Infrastructure had not been worked out. In the year 1989 a Consultant was appointed to draw the Master Plan and detailed Project report for Phase-1-A and 1-B of the Project. The Consultant submitted his report in 1990. However, the Project could not progress further due to financial constraints. Based on the Final Project Report, with reduced scope of Phase-I, when compared with the initial proposal and keeping in view the escalation of price level in the meantime, the Ministry of Defence finally approved in October 1995 the construction of Phase-I of the Project at a projected cost of Rs. 1294.41 crores.

The rehabilitation package finalized in consultation with the State Government, included *interalia,* a cash allowance and a house site, education stipend, and relief for food and medicines. The rehabilitation Project has been finalized at a total amount of Rs. 126.96 crores and State Government of Karnataka has already been paid a sum of Rs. 117.02 crores. The Balance amount will be paid on Audit of accounts.

The Project is scheduled to be completed by 2005.

Cases of car theft in Delhi

*335. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of theft cases of car reported in the Capital during the last six months and how do they compare with the cases reported during the corresponding period last year;

(b) in how may cases cars have been traced and what is the number of criminals arrested; and

(c) whether theft cases of car are showing upward trends and if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) During the period from June to November, 2001, 1914 cases of theft of cars were reported in Delhi as against 2045 such cases reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year.

(b) Delhi Police recovered 572 cars reported to have been stolen during the period from June to November, 2001 and arrested 531 persons in connection with these cases.

(c) No, Sir.

Progress of new projects of NTPC

†*336. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the new projects of NTPC where work is in progress;

(b) the total cost to be incurred on the said projects and the target for production of power by each project; and

(c) by when, the said projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) The following projects of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) are presently under construction:

(i) Simhadri Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) (2x500 MW), Andhra Pradesh.

(ii) Talcher STPP, Stage-II (4x500 MW), Orissa.

(iii) Rihand STPP, Stage-II (2x500 MW), Uttar Pradesh.

(iv) Ramagundam STPP, Stage-Ill (1x500 MW), Andhra Pradesh.

Further, the infrastructure work by NTPC for Kol Dam Hydroelectric Project (HEP) (800 MW) in Himachal Pradesh is also under progress.

(b) and (c) The cost and other details of these projects are given below:

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